

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, JO, LE, SA

SUBJECT: STATUS OF OWNERSHIP OF ARAMCO AND TAPLINE

REF: AMMAN 6670

ACCORDING TO ARAMCO REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON,LEGALLY,  
ARAMCO IS STILL A DELEWARE CORPORATION. THE TAKEOVER  
AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED. IN THE FINANCIAL SENSE  
HOWEVER ARAMCO IS ACTING AS IF THE TAKEOVER HAD ALREADY  
OCCURRED. OWNERSHIP OF TAPLINE IS STILL UP IN THE AIR. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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